

## **High School Lesson 2**

### **Vocabulary Worksheet**

1. Martial law: military government with ordinary law suspended

On April 27, 1861, Lincoln declared martial law, which allowed the military to arrest citizens suspected of aiding the enemy or of engaging in “disloyal practices.” Do you think Lincoln overstepped his authority by declaring martial law? Why or why not?

2. Habeas corpus: (Latin: literally means “you have the body”) the requirement that a person be brought before a judge or into court to affirm the lawfulness of his or her detention

Meaning, in the United States, the police can’t just throw you in jail indefinitely. In a hearing before a judge, they must demonstrate what crime they allege that you’ve committed and what preliminary evidence they have for the charge.

3. What was the U.S. Supreme Court *Ex Parte Merryman* about? How did the Court rule?